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(54) Title: PHOTORESISTS, FLUORINATED POLYMERS AND PROCESSES FOR 157 nm MICROLITHOGRAPHY

(57) Abstract: This invention provides novel fluorine containing polymers which comprise at least one fluorinated olefin, at least one polycyclic ethylenically unsaturated monomer with a fused 4-membered carbocyclic ring and, optionally, other components. The polymers are useful for photoimaging compositions and, in particular, photoresist compositions (positive-working and/or negative-working) for imaging in the production of semiconductor devices. The polymers are especially useful in photoresist compositions having high UV transparency (particularly at short wavelengths, e.g., 157 nm) which are useful as base resins in resists and potentially in many other applications.

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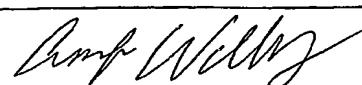
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